## RESOLUTION No. 2008-60-747

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDESIGNATE THE ORANGE LINE - PHASE 2 NORTH CORRIDOR METRORAIL EXTENSION AS PHASE ONE AND TO MAKE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS CORRIDOR ITS FIRST PRIORITY; INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Transit ("MDT") intends to develop an elevated, 9.5 mile, double-track, heavy rail extension of the Miami-Dade Metrorail System to run from the existing elevated guideway just North of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Metrorail station at Northwest 67<sup>th</sup> Street, designed to serve the communities along the Northwest 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor, and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Orange Line – Phase 2, encompasses the City of Miami Gardens along 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, adjacent to Dolphin Stadium and Calder Racecourse, and

WHEREAS, this has been an ongoing Project, however, as of yet, construction has not taken place, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens would like to urge the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to immediately commence construction of the Orange Line – Phase 2 North Corridor Metrorail Extension, and

WHEREAS, currently the Northwest 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor is being underserved by the Metrorail System, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens would like to ensure, that the Project commences immediately, and that this Project becomes an immediate priority of the MDT.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. EXPRESSION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby expresses its support for the Miami-Dade Transit Orange Line – Phase 2 North Corridor Metrorail Extension and hereby requests, that the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners 1) redesignate this Project as Phase 1; 2) make the Project a priority 3) immediately commence developing a realistic operating, maintenance, and replacement plan to present to FTA, in a timely fashion, to ensure that the project is restored to a higher rating, and 4) hold a joint meeting of the Miami-Dade County Commission, Miami-Dade County Manager, and the CITT to reserve all concerns of the FTA including the Medium-Low rating in the "Making the Case" section.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby instructs the City Clerk to serve a certified copy of this Resolution on the members of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners as well as on the United States Secretary of Transportation.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 26, 2008.

Shirley GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.

City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN SHARON PRITCHETT

MOVED BY: Councilman Williams

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Pritchett

**VOTE:** 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	(No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u>x</u> (Yes)	(No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>x</u> (Yes)	(No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	x (Yes)	(No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	x (Yes)	(No)
Councilman Oliver G. Gilbert	x (Yes)	(No)
Councilman André Williams	x (Yes)	(No)

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